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Planners Predict Lively Steer Dinner

Another Champion Steer is heading for its last round-up — the 1987 American Royal Dinner-Auction on January 30. Stanley Stout, renowned auctioneer, has promised to keep the bidding lively and brisk.

The Dinner-Auction planning committee, headed by honorary co-chairs Bob Boyle and John Latshaw, is determined to make the eleventh annual fund-raising event the most successful ever. Members of the committee have secured an exciting array of prizes, including a Hawaiian vacation, a fur coat, a Jones Store shopping spree, Days-of-Beauty (for him *and* her), evenings on the town, weekend getaways, numerous works of art, and much more. There will even be a champagne flight for two in a hot-air balloon!

"Everything points to a super '87 Steer Dinner-Auction," promises Sister Olive Louise, Avila's former president. She noted that the $50 dinner tickets ($100 for Patrons) may be purchased before year's end to take advantage of the 1986 tax deduction. Interested persons may call the development office — 942-8400.

Bill Grigsby and Bob Wormington present prize steaks to Susan McMeel at Steer Dinner 1986.

Avila Alumni Events

November 2
Memorial Mass for Deceased Alumni
Foyle Hall Chapel — 11:15 a.m.

November 5
Alumni Board Meeting

November
Thanksgiving Mass for Avila Volunteers

December 3
Alumni Board Meeting

December 4
Honors Recital
8 p.m. — Goppert Theatre

December 14
Christmas Concert
4 p.m. — Goppert Theatre

January 7, 1987
Alumni Board Meeting

February 4, 1987
Alumni Board Meeting

March 4, 1987
Alumni Board Meeting

March 9, 1987
Beginning of Alumni TELETHON

Coming Attractions

Carousel
November 14, 15, 21 and 22 at 8 p.m.

Death of a Salesman
February 26, 27, 28 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, March 1 at 2 p.m.

Lincoln Center to Broadway
April 24, 25 and May 1, 2 at 8 p.m.

Avila to Honor Donors

Administration, faculty and staff will say "Thank you" to Avila's major donors on Monday, November 24. "The Season of Thanksgiving is a perfect time to express gratitude to these special friends who have provided financial assistance during the year so that our students can receive the quality education which is Avila's hallmark," said Dr. Larry Kramer, president.

Dinner will be served to the honored guests by officers and faculty of the college following a reception hosted by the Board of Trustees.

Careful Plans Precede Accreditation Visit

Avila will be reviewed for continuance of its accreditation by the North Central Association — Commission of Higher Education in February 1988 but preparation for the evaluation began last spring. At that time, President Kramer appointed a seven-member steering committee of faculty and staff persons. Sister Marie Georgette Eschbacher, Ph.D, was appointed coordinator of the North Central self-study committee and chairperson of the steering committee.

The steering committee has formed 13 sub-committees of faculty, staff and students to deal with the study and evaluation of such areas as administration, faculty, finances, library, student life, physical facilities and institutional life and climate.

In August, the Faculty-Staff-Administration Institute provided a half-day workshop to help the campus community prepare for this re-accreditation. Those in attendance reviewed the calendar and process required for a site visit, discussed a method for academic department review, and worked in small groups to write a meaningful restatement of the college mission.

Work in preparation for the accreditation visit will continue through the late fall of 1987.

Newsbriefs

- Sister Olive Louise and Sister Rose Anthony Schmitt recently visited Alumni in Wichita, Jefferson City, Columbia and St. Louis to set up Avila alumni chapters. Sister Olive Louise also has visited alumni in Michigan and Arizona.

- Avila College rejoined the Kansas City Regional Council for Higher Education on July 1.

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A Weekend of Fun

Homecoming Stirs Sweet Memories

Avila Homecoming '86 will be remembered as a beautiful combination of theatrical, religious and social events.

It began with a performance of the comedy, "Hay Fever", in Goppert Theatre on October 3. The following evening featured a cocktail party, complete with hors d'oeuvres, harpist music for background, and pleasant conversation.

The Mass celebrated on October 5 included a liturgy prepared by Sister M. de La Salle, singing by Carol Kopp Brown '86, and a fine homily by Father Patrick Rush, joined by Father Michael Zahorchak.

The weekend was especially significant for Avila graduates from the classes of '76, '66, '61, '56, '46, and '36. Alumni from these classes beamed as they heard their names called, received gifts and were photographed. The class of '56 had the greatest number present. Obviously delighted, Silver Jubilarians received silver crests of Avila and Golden Jubilarians received gold medals and chains.

The highlight may well have occurred when Mary Margaret Killiger O'Sullivan '26, the only 60-year alumna in attendance, was introduced and presented with a long-stemmed rose. Afterward, she was interviewed by Sister Olive Louise about college life in her era. The interview, recorded on a cassette tape, will be kept at the Avila College Library.

Though it is nearly a year away, plans for homecoming 1987 are being made. It will honor the classes of '82, '77, '67, '62, '57, '47, '37, '27, and '22, but ALL Avila Alumni are welcome! Please put October 2-4, 1987 on your calendar as a "must!"

Front row: Sister Marie Tucker, C.S.J. (Blanche Tucker '36), Marie Arcury Sweeney '36, Sister Rose Anthony, C.S.J. (Ruth Marie Schmitt '36). Back row: Rita Dey Fields '35, Helen Egan Gragg '36, Lillian Learnihan Burnett '36, James F. McHugh, Edwina Cunningham McHugh '36, Clara Aylward Kerwin '36, Mary Jo Keating '36

1st Place Team left to right: Ron Regan, Mary Ellen Clark, chairperson, Joe Fischer, Margaret Fischer and Bob Cunningham.

Golfers Build Scholarship Fund

More than 100 Avila College golfers enjoyed a bright sunny day of golf at Leawood South Country Club on August 25th. The event, sponsored by the Alumni Board raised over $5,000 to benefit the Student Endowment Fund. Dan and Mary Ellen Clark are chairpersons of the event which has raised over $18,000 in three years.

Congratulations to:

1st place team — Ron Regan, Joe Fischer, Margaret Fischer and Bob Cunningham

2nd place team — Ken Woodward, Bob Balderston, Brad Higbee and Rich Ellison

Most birdies — Rick Gray

Low gross — Keith Anderson with a score of 75

Longest drive — Juanita Drury and Tom Sosna

Longest putt — Bob Laing and Dan Haake

Closest to pin — Frank Gaeta, Ila Mae Pappas, Jo Ann Kelly and Mark Mooney

Putting — Jim Kealing

In Memoriam

Condolences are extended to the families and friends of Avila Students
Jeffrey Gene Dodge
and
Toni Lynn Tady
Memorial Scholarships have been established in their memories.